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MEMORANDUM FOR: WE/BC/C

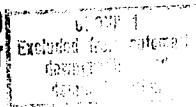
SUBJECT : Ivan Vasylowych KOLASKA

The following was submitted to this office by AECASSOWARY/29 who received it from a confidential source of his in Canada.

1. The Subject, a Canadian citizen of Ukrainian birth, a member of TOUK, a Progressive group in Winnipeg, returned from Kiev on 12 August 1965. According to the Subject, he was sent to Kiev by TOUK for special political indoctrination for a period of two years. Prior to his departure for the Soviet Union he began to show a great interest in cultural exchanges between Ukrainians in Canada and in the Soviet Union. At that time he told friends and acquaintances that he was going to the Ukraine to study the Ukrainian language. While he was in Kiev the Subject wrote to friends in Canada using the return address Kiev 53, Do zapytanya.

2. On Subject's return to Canada he told acquaintances that rather than study the Ukrainian language in Kiev he attended political indoctrination courses which were to prepare him for work among Ukrainians in Canada to, as he told the source, convert nationalists to the Progressive movement. The Subject confided to the source that he became completely disenchanted with Communism because of the situation he witnessed in the Ukraine during his two years there. He told the source that he now plans to try to help "patriotic" Ukrainians in the UkSSR. He said he will remain with TOUK, using his membership with the group for purposes of cover. The Subject said he would seek help from Ukrainian nationalist circles in the West and that he would disclose to Ukrainian nationalists all the information he obtained in the Soviet Union as his relationship with them developed. Subject said he knew of two other Soviet Communist collaborators in Canada. One had died about a year and a half ago. The other is M. HNATIV, a former OUN/Melnyk sympathizer who participated in Ukrainian underground activities in 1941.

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3. It is believed that, although the Subject claims to have become disaffected with Soviet Communism, he was trained to infiltrate Ukrainian nationalist circles in Canada and to implicate Soviet Ukrainians with whom there may be contact. Information he revealed about certain Soviet Ukrainians and messages he claimed to have been given for delivery to Ukrainian emigres is all old and well known in the West. His implication that M. HNATIV is collaborating with Soviet Communists should also be regarded with some reservation. It is recommended that the foregoing information be passed to the Canadian service and that it be suggested that the Subject be contacted and debriefed thoroughly on the political indoctrination he received in the Soviet Union. This office should be very interested in knowing what is learned from the Subject about his two years stay in the Soviet Union.

4. Please direct any correspondence concerning the Subject to [] of this office.

[] Chief, SR []

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